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Rep. Piscopo's Attendance Perfect for 2005 House Roll Call Votes



State Representative John E. Piscopo, R-76th District, compiled another perfect attendance record for roll call votes taken on the floor of the state House of Representatives during the 2005 legislative session, according to information provided by the House Clerk's Office.

Representative Piscopo was present and voting for all of the 460 votes taken on the state House floor during the 2005 session, the House Clerk's Office reported. This year, only 12 out of 151 state representatives had perfect records for floor votes. Representative Piscopo has maintained a perfect or near-perfect (one missed vote) record for floor votes since his first year in the State House in 1989.

"It's very important for me to be on the floor and voting when bills or other measures come before us," Representative Piscopo said. "The people of Burlington, Harwinton, Litchfield and Thomaston sent me to Hartford to be their voice in the General Assembly; to protect their interests, to ensure the safety of their families in their homes and to promote prosperity and full employment throughout Connecticut."

"To fulfill my responsibilities to the citizens I represent in the most effective way possible, it is essential that I cast a vote on every measure we consider – be it a bill, a resolution, an amendment or an appointment to a judgeship or to a position with a critical state agency," Representative Piscopo said. "Almost every matter we consider has gone through one or more General Assembly committees and received intensive scrutiny before it comes to the floor of the house."

"In most cases, the bills we consider have been thoroughly discussed and debated in committee and deemed worthy of a floor vote. Legislation that is seriously flawed or otherwise deficient is usually killed in committee, which is why only a few bills every year – most of them of controversial – are the subject of intensive debate on the floor of the House or Senate," Representative Piscopo said. "Every matter that comes before us for a vote is important and it is my responsibility is to be there to cast my vote when the time comes."